

**Remarks**

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group 2, claims 4, 5, 10, 15, 16, 22-26, 33-35, 54-56 and 61, drawn to treating a liquid using filtration or centrifugation.

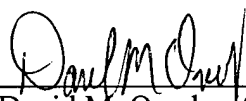
Further, claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-14, 17-21, 27-32, 36-53 and 57-60 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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